

AN ACT

Empowering a court in which a suit for the recovery of damages for personal injuries to a minor is pending to make an order authorizing a compromise or settlement to be made for such minor; and empowering a court in which a judgment is obtained for such minor, or by which a compromise or settlement is approved, to fix counsel fees and other expenses incident to said suit and to award the balance to a duly appointed guardian of such minor, and limiting the liability of said guardian to the sum of money thus coming into his hands.

Personal
injuries.

Minors.

Compromise
or settlement
of suit by
court order.

Approval of
agreement for
counsel fees, etc.

Payment of
balance to
guardian.

Proviso.

Liability of
guardian.

When
effective.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever it is desired to compromise or settle a suit pending in any court of this Commonwealth to recover damages for personal injuries sustained by a minor, upon oral motion by counsel of record in said suit, or upon petition by the next friend of said minor, the said court may make an order authorizing such compromise or settlement to be made.

Section 2. Whenever such compromise or settlement is so authorized by the court, or whenever a judgment is entered upon a verdict for the recovery of damages for personal injuries to a minor, upon oral motion by counsel of record in said suit, or upon a petition by the next friend of such minor, the court in which such suit was instituted may make an order approving an agreement entered by the next friend for the payment of counsel fees and other proper expenses out of the fund created by said compromise, settlement or judgment, or said court may make such order as to it may seem proper fixing counsel fees and other proper expenses, and the court shall then order that the balance of said fund be paid to a duly appointed guardian of said minor: Provided, That where the minor has no legally appointed guardian, and where the estate of the minor shall be of the value of two hundred dollars or less, the court may, in its discretion, authorize payment or delivery thereof to the natural guardian of the minor or the person by whom the minor is maintained or to the minor without the appointment of a guardian or the entry of security.

Section 3. The said guardian shall be answerable only for the sum of money thus coming into his hands.

Section 4. This act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor.

APPROVED—The 26th day of April, A. D. 1933.

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